

Took Him for Father Time

Professor Wiley, the chemist of the Department of Agriculture, recently went to a Washington store for the purpose of chasing a fountain pen. The obliging young man at the counter furnished the professor with a sheet of paper, a bottle of ink, and several fountain pens, so that he might try each kind. In doing so the professor soon covered the sheet with the words, "tempus fugit," the clerk looking on the while with kindly interest. "If you should buy one and it doesn't suit you, Mr. Fugit," said he, "you can bring it back and take another."

Significant Number

An Irishman was walking along a road beside a golf links when he was suddenly struck between the shoulders by a golf ball. The force of the blow almost knocked him down. When he recovered he observed a golfer running toward him. "Are you hurt?" asked the player. "Why didn't you get out of the way?" "And why should I get out of the way?" asked Pat. "I didn't know there were any assassins around here."

"But I called 'fore,'" said the player, and when I say 'fore' that is a sign for you to get out of the way."

"Oh, it is, is it?" said Pat. "Well, then, when I say 'foive,' it is a sign that you are going to get hit on the nose."

Sufficient Reason

In business, as in games of skill, the indispensable thing is not merely to be smart, but to be smarter than one's competitor.

According to the Golden Penny, a tourist was stopping at a small country hotel, and seeing the hostler expert and tractable, inquired how long he had lived there, and what countryman he was.

"I'm Yorkshire," said the fellow, "an he's lived sixteen years here."

"I wonder," replied the gentleman, "that in no long a period so clever a fellow as you seem to be have not come to be master of the hotel yourself."

"Ay," answered the hostler, "but maister's Yorkshire, too."

A Successful Expedient

A certain prominent minister, says Harper's Weekly, was compelled not long ago to give strict orders that, while he was engaged in the preparation of his sermons, his young son must be kept reasonably quiet. In spite of this, however, there arose one morning a most astonishing noise of banging and hammering, which seemed to indicate that the steam-heating pipes were being knocked to pieces. Hurrying out of his study, the minister encountered his wife.

"My dear, what in the world is Bobby doing?" he asked.

"Why, he is only beating on the radiator down-stairs," was the somewhat surprised reply.

"Well, he must stop it," the minister said decidedly.

"I don't think he will harm it, dear," his wife answered soothingly; "and it is the only thing that will keep him quiet."

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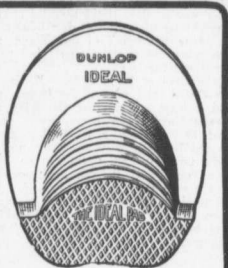
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